

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OF GRAHAM COUNTY UTILITIES, INC.

GAS DIVISION FOR APPROVAL OF A



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MOTION OF STAFF FOR STIPULATED ADMISSION OF TESTIMONY OF CERTAIN WITNESSES AND FOR CERTAIN WITNESSES TO APPEAR TELEPHONICALLY IF NECESSARY

On July 13, 2012, Graham County Utilities, Inc. (Gas Division) ("Graham" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for an increase in rates for service provided in Arizona. On February 7, 2013, Graham filed an application for financing approval. The financing application included a request that it be consolidated with the rate case docket. A Procedural Order was issued on March 12, 2013, consolidating the two dockets. There have been no interventions filed in these consolidated dockets to-date.

The hearing in both dockets is scheduled for April 1, 2013. Staff has pre-filed the Direct Testimony of five witnesses in this case: Robert G. Gray, Brian K. Bozzo, Prem K. Bahl, Ranelle Paladino and Alan Borne. Staff has also pre-filed the Surrebuttal Testimony of two witnesses: Robert G. Gray and Brian K Bozzo. In Rebuttal Testimony, Graham witness John V. Wallace indicated Graham was willing to stipulate to all of Staff's recommendations contained in its Direct Testimony in this matter. Staff has since spoken to Mr. Wallace regarding the upcoming hearing, and Mr. Wallace has indicated that he will have no questions for Staff witnesses Prem K. Bahl, Ranelle Paladino and Alan Borne.

1 Given this, Staff respectfully requests that if the ALJ has questions for witnesses Prem K. Bahl and Ranelle Paladino, they be allowed to testify telephonically in this matter. If there is no need 2 for an appearance by either witness, Staff requests that their testimony be stipulated into the record. 3 Staff also respectfully requests that, unless the ALJ has questions for Mr. Alan Borne (Staff's Pipeline Safety witness), Mr. Borne's testimony be stipulated into the record without the need for Mr. 5 6 Borne to appear either telephonically or in person in this matter. 7 WHEREAS, Staff requests Commission grant Staff's Motion as discussed above. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013. 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 Original and thirteen (13) copies of the foregoing filed this 17 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013 with: 18 Docket Control Arizona Corporation Commission 19 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 20 Copy of the foregoing mailed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013 to: 21 John V. Wallace 22 GCSECA 2210 South Priest Drive 23 Tempe, Arizona 85282 24 Kirk Grav **Steve Lines** 25 Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Post Office Drawer B 26

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